


REMARKS

Claims 7, 45, 71 and 94 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-6, 8-44, 46-70, 72-93 and 95-96 are in the Application.

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, examination of all claims is respectfully requested.

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AMENDED CLAIMS WITH CHANGES SHOWN

1. (Amended) A fabric care composition comprising:

- 5 (A) an effective amount of fabric care polysaccharide with globular structure and having a backbone comprising at least some 1, 3- β -glycosidic linkages for providing a fabric with at least one of the following fabric care benefits: wrinkle removal, wrinkle reduction, wrinkle resistance, fabric wear reduction, fabric wear resistance, fabric pilling reduction, fabric color maintenance, fabric color fading reduction, fabric color restoration, fabric soiling reduction, fabric soil release, fabric shape retention, and/or fabric shrinkage reduction;
- 10 (B) optionally, from about 0.01% to about 20%, by weight of the composition, of adjunct fabric care oligosaccharide, selected from the group consisting of oligosaccharides, oligosaccharide mixtures, substituted versions of said oligosaccharides and/or mixtures, derivatised versions of said oligosaccharides and/or mixtures, and mixtures thereof;
- 15 (C) optionally, to remove and/or reduce wrinkles, an effective amount of adjunct wrinkle control agent, selected from the group consisting of fiber lubricant, adjunct fabric shape retention polymer, lithium salts, and mixtures thereof;
- 20 (D) optionally, to reduce surface tension, and/or to improve performance and formulatability, an effective amount of surfactant;
- (E) optionally, an effective amount to absorb malodor, of odor control agent;
- (F) optionally, an effective amount to provide olfactory effects of perfume;
- 25 (G) optionally, an effective amount, to kill, or reduce the growth of microbes, of antimicrobial active;
- (H) optionally, an effective amount to provide improved antimicrobial action of aminocarboxylate chelator;
- (I) optionally, an effective amount of antimicrobial preservative, in addition to, or in place of said antimicrobial active; and
- 30 (J) optionally, an aqueous carrier,

said composition optionally being essentially free of any material that would soil or stain fabric under usage conditions.

35. (Amended) The composition of Claim[s] 1[-18] additionally containing at least one of the following adjunct materials: perfume, fiber lubricant, shape retention polymer, lithium salt, odor control agent including cyclodextrin, surfactant, antimicrobial active and/or

antibacterial preservative, chelating agent including aminocarboxylate chelating agent, enzyme, antioxidant, static control agent, fabric softening active, suds suppressor, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixing agent, soil release agent, brightener, dispersant, insect repelling agent, moth repelling agent, and/or liquid carrier.

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38. (Amended) The fabric care composition of Claim[s] 36[-37] additionally containing at least an effective amount of at least one of the following adjunct materials: adjunct fabric care oligosaccharide, perfume, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixative agent, chlorine scavenging agent, soil release agent, chemical stabilizer including antioxidant, silicone, antimicrobial active and/or preservative, metal chelating agent including aminocarboxylate chelating agent, colorant, enzyme, brightener, liquid carrier, or mixtures thereof.

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43. (Amended) The fabric care composition of Claim[s] 41[-42] additionally containing at least an effective amount of at least one of the following adjunct materials: adjunct fabric care oligosaccharide, perfume, chlorine scavenging agent, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixative agent, chemical stabilizer including antioxidant, silicone, antimicrobial active and/or preservative, metal chelating agent including aminocarboxylate chelating agent, brightener, enzyme, soil release agent, liquid carrier, or mixtures thereof.

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44. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a fabric care composition comprising fabric care polysaccharide with globular structure and having a backbone comprising at least one 1,3 β -glycosidic linkages for providing a fabric with at least one of the following fabric care benefits: wrinkle removal, wrinkle reduction, wrinkle resistance, fabric wear reduction, fabric wear resistance, fabric pilling reduction, fabric color maintenance, fabric color fading reduction, fabric color restoration, fabric soiling reduction, fabric soil release, fabric shape retention, and/or fabric shrinkage reduction in a package in association with instructions for use which direct the consumer to apply at least an effective amount of said polysaccharide to provide at least one of said fabric care benefits.

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46. (Amended) An article of Claim 44, wherein the package comprises [manufacture comprising the composition of Claim 1 in] a spray dispenser.

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47. (Amended) The article of manufacture of Claim 44, [46] wherein said composition is an aqueous composition containing from about 0.1% to about 5%, preferably from about 0.1% to about 2%, by weight of said fabric care composition, of said fabric care polysaccharide.

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48. (Amended) The article of manufacture of Claim[s] 46[-47] wherein said spray dispenser comprises a trigger spray device.

5 49. (Amended) The article of manufacture of Claim[s] 46[-48] wherein said spray dispenser comprises a non-manually operated spray dispenser.

51. (Amended) The article of manufacture of Claim[s] 44[-50] wherein said composition additionally contains at least one of the following adjunct materials: perfume, adjunct fabric
10 care oligosaccharide, fiber lubricant, shape retention polymer, lithium salt, odor control agent including cyclodextrin, surfactant, antimicrobial active and/or antibacterial preservative, metal chelating agent including aminocarboxylate chelating agent, enzyme, antioxidant, static control agent, fabric softening active, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixative agent, soil release agent, suds suppressor, brightener, insect repelling agent, moth repelling agent, and/or
15 liquid carrier.

52. (Amended) The article of manufacture of Claim[s] 46[-51] in association with instructions for use to direct the consumer to apply at least an effective amount of said composition and/or said fabric care polysaccharide to said fabric, to provide said fabric with
20 at least one of the following fabric care benefits: wrinkle removal, wrinkle reduction, wrinkle resistance, fabric wear reduction, fabric wear resistance, fabric pilling reduction, fabric color maintenance, fabric color fading reduction, fabric color restoration, fabric soiling reduction, fabric soil release, fabric shape retention, and/or fabric shrinkage reduction.

25 54. (Amended) The article of manufacture of Claim[s] 52[-53] wherein said instructions for use direct the consumer to apply the composition to the fabric in combination with stretching and/or smoothing of fabric, to provide effective wrinkle removal.

60. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising the composition of Claim[s] 1 [and
30 39-40] which is a laundry detergent composition, packaged in association with instructions for use which direct the consumer to apply at least an effective amount of said composition to said fabric to provide the fabric care benefits.

61. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising the composition of Claim[s] 1 [and
35 36-38] which is a rinse additive composition, packaged in association with instructions for

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use which direct the consumer to apply at least an effective amount of said composition to said fabric to provide said fabric care benefits.

62. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising the composition of Claim[s] 1 [and
5 41-43] to apply to fabric in the drying step, packaged in association with instructions for use which direct the consumer to apply at least an effective amount of said composition to said fabric to provide said fabric care benefits.

63. (Amended) The article of Claim[s] 44[, 45, and 52-62] wherein said instructions for
10 use include pictures and/or icons.

64. (Amended) Fabric having improved characteristics having an effective amount of
fabric care polysaccharide with globular structure and having a backbone comprising at least
some 1,3 β -glycosidic linkages attached thereto.

66. (Amended) The fabric of Claim[s] 64[-65] wherein said fabric is made of fibers
15 selected from the group consisting of natural fibers, synthetic fibers, and mixtures thereof.

72. (Amended) The method of Claim 70[1] wherein said fabric care composition
20 additionally comprises at least one of the following adjunct fabric care materials: perfume, adjunct fabric care oligosaccharide, fiber lubricant, shape retention polymer, lithium salt, odor control agent including cyclodextrin including cyclodextrin, surfactant, antimicrobial active and/or antibacterial preservative, chelating agent including aminocarboxylate chelating agent, enzyme, antioxidant, static control agent, fabric softening active, dye transfer
25 inhibiting agent, dye fixing agent, soil release agent, brightener, suds suppressor, builder, bleaching agent, dispersant, insect repelling agent, moth repelling agent, and/or liquid carrier.

73. (Amended) The method of Claim 70[1] wherein said fabric care composition is an
aqueous composition containing from about 0.1% to about 5%, preferably from about
30 0.005% to about 4%, more preferably from about 0.01% to about 2%, and even more preferably from about 0.1% to about 1%, by weight of said fabric care composition, of said fabric care polysaccharide.

74. (Amended) The method according to Claim[s] 70[-73] wherein said aqueous
35 composition is sprayed onto said fabric as droplets by using a spray dispenser.

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78. (Amended) The method of Claim 74[-77] wherein said droplets have a weight average diameter of from about 5 μ m to about 250 μ m, preferably from about 10 μ m to about 120 μ m, more preferably from about 20 μ m to about 100 μ m.

5 80. (Amended) The method according to Claim[s] 71[-72] wherein said fabric care composition comprises an aqueous composition containing from about 0.5% to about 40%, by weight of said fabric care composition, of said fabric care polysaccharide, and wherein said fabric is dipped and/or soaked in said fabric care composition, followed by a laundering step.

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82. (Amended) The method according to Claim 70[1] wherein said fabric care composition is a rinse-added composition containing from about 0.1% to about 50%, preferably from about 1% to about 35%, more preferably from about 2% to about 18%, by weight of the composition, of said fabric care polysaccharide, and optionally containing
15 fabric softener active at a level of from about 1% to about 75%, preferably from about 2% to about 65%, more preferably from about 3% to about 45%, and even more preferably from about 4% to about 35%, by weight of the composition.

84. (Amended) The method according to Claim 70[1] wherein said fabric care
20 composition is an aqueous composition to apply to fabric in the drying step, containing said fabric care polysaccharide at a level of from about 0.01% to about 25%, preferably from about 0.1% to about 10%, more preferably from about 0.2% to about 5%, even more preferably from about 0.3% to about 3%, by weight of the compositions, and optionally containing fabric softener active at a level of from about 0.05% to about 10%, preferably
25 from about 0.1% to about 7%, more preferably from about 0.5% to about 5%, by weight of the composition

86. (Amended) The method according to Claim 70[1] wherein said fabric care composition is a dryer-added fabric softening composition containing said fabric care
30 polysaccharide at a level of from about 0.01% to about 40%, preferably from about 0.1% to about 20%, more preferably from about 1% to about 10%, by weight of the composition, and fabric softener active at a level of from about 1% to about 99%, preferably from about 10% to about 80%, more preferably from about 20% to about 70%, and even more preferably from about 25% to about 60%, by weight of the composition.

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88. (Amended) The method of Claim[s] 84[-87] wherein said composition additionally contains at least one of the following adjunct materials: adjunct fabric care oligosaccharide, static control agent, distributing agent, perfume, fiber lubricant, adjunct shape retention polymer, lithium salt, odor control agent including cyclodextrin, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixative agent, chlorine scavenging agent, soil release agent, brightener, heavy metal chelating agent, enzyme, antimicrobial active, antibacterial preservative, aminocarboxylate chelating agent, antioxidant, and/or liquid carrier.
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